

Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 2015 Legislative Session

Bill #	Bill Title	Bill Sponsor	Purpose of Bill	Status/Actions
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ENERGY/MINERAL BILLS

SB48	Evaluating Federal Land	Sen. Osmond	Directs the State Tax Commission to make calculations by Jan. 2016 of property tax and other revenues that would be generated if federal lands were privately owned. Excludes national park land.	1/6: Public Distribution
HB132	Interstate Compact Transfer of Public Lands Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Adds financing provisions for the subject compact.	1/15: Public Distribution
HB29	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board Amendments	Rep. Cox F.	Small technical amendment on the State Fire Marshall noticing to 489 licensees concerning a new Board vacancy.	10/15: B&L Interim approved 12/15 Public Distribution
HB31	Natural Gas Amendments	Rep. Handy	Amends Division of Public Utilities statute to increase fines upon intra-state natural gas pipelines pertaining to utilities, thereby allowing continued state primacy vs. federal takeover of program.	11/19: PUT Interim approved 12/15 Public Distribution
	Public Lands Act Amendments	Sen. Dabakis		Bill file opened
SB25	Resource Dev. Coordinating Committee Reauthorization	Sen. Dayton	Reauthorizes the Resource Development Coordinating Committee in the Gov.'s Office until July 1, 2025.	12/15 Public Distribution
SB21	Sales and Use Tax – Molten Magnesium	Sen. Henderson D.	Provides a sales tax exemption for purchase or lease of molten magnesium, retrospective to Jan. 1, 2010 due to a pending appeal.	12/15 Public Distribution
	Severance Tax Modifications	Sen. Van Tassell		Bill file opened.
	Utah Navajo Royalty Amends	Sen. Van Tassell		Bill file opened.
	Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety & Productivity	Rep. Wheatley	Designates the Univ. of Utah Center for Mining Safety and Health Excellence as the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity. 15-person quarterly safety roundtable includes DOGM.	1/22: Public Distribution

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ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

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	Background Checks for State Accountants	Sen. Henderson		
	Data Management & Security Assessment Standards	Sen. Harper		Bill file opened
	Employee Classification Amendments	Rep. Chew		Bill file opened
	Excess Budget Reserves Amendments	Rep. Knotwell		Bill file opened
	Governmental Immunity Act Amends	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened
	Human Resource Management Market Research Amendments	Rep. Hutchings		Bill file opened
	Information Technology Dept. Consolidation	Rep. Anderegg		Bill file opened
	Joint Resolution on Administrative Rules	Rep. Ivory		Bill file opened
	Joint Resolution Regarding PEHP	Rep. Dunnigan		Bill file opened
	Master Study Resolution	Rep. Dunnigan		Bill file opened

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	Money Management Act Amendments	Rep. Cunningham		Bill file opened
SB05	NRAE Base Budget	Sen. Hinkins	Appropriates base budget funding for FY2016.	1/19 Public Distribution
HB77	Post Retirement Employment	Rep. Cunningham	Allows a retiree to be reemployed with a participating employer after 60 days from the retiree's retirement date if the retiree does not receive certain employer provided benefits and is reemployed by a different agency. Repeals the prior earning limitation provision for a retiree reemployed between 60 and 365 days after retirement.	1/5 Public Distribution
	Post Retirement Employment Amendments	Sen. Hillyard		
HB37	Reauthorization of Administrative Rules	Rep. Oda	Makes technical amendments to the rules review committee and reauthorizes all state agency administrative rules.	1/6 Public Distribution
	Records Management Amendments	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened
	Risk Management Amendments	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened
SB08	State Agency Fees	Sen. Stephenson, H	Appropriates state agency fees for FY2016.	Bill file opened. 1/12 draft.
	State Employees' Annual Leave Trust Fund Amendments	Sen. Henderson		Bill file opened
	State Surplus Property Amendments	Sen. Weiler		Bill file opened
HB38	Supplemental Savings Plan	Rep. Cunningham	Expands the type of employee qualifying account for employer	12/15 Public Distribution

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	Amendments		matching funds beyond the current 401K account.	
HB12	Utah Retirement System Amendments	Rep. Powell	Annual technical amendments bill from URS on primary retirement systems. No fiscal impact to changes, per URS.	11/12: Ret. Interim Committee. 12/15 Public Distribution
SB11	Utah Retirement System Revisions	Sen. Weiler	Amendments to Tier II retirement plan, which was effective 7/1/2011. No significant policy changes, per URS.	11/12: Ret. Interim Committee 12/15 Public Distribution

Monitor:

Concurrent Resolution on Carbon Sequestration on Rangelands, Rep. Noel

In Process/Early Drafting:

SB XX: Oil and Gas statute concerning drilling units/horizontal wells topics.